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METAL MARKET.

Tuesday, 29.—Silver, 62½; copper,
15 5-16; lead, \$3.50.
Wednesday, 30.—Silver, 60; copper,
15 5-16; lead, \$3.50.
Thursday, 31.—Silver, 60½; copper,
15 5-16; lead, \$3.50.
Friday, 1.—Silver, 60 3-4; copper,
15 5-16; lead, \$3.50.
Saturday, 2.—Silver, 61¼; copper,
15 5-16; lead, \$3.50.
Monday, 4.—Silver, 61½; copper,
15 5-16; lead, \$3.50.

IT IS PEACE.

With a suddenness for which neither the world nor anyone in it—not even excepting the plenipotentiaries themselves—was prepared, the Portsmouth meeting came to a close on Tuesday last with an agreement for peace. In reaching this astonishing result in such an astonishing manner it was of course necessary for one all its contentions as to the disputed side or the other to yield absolutely points, and the fact that Japan finally did so does but add to the wonderment of the situation. Up to the last minute the Japanese envoys showed inflexibility in one form or another, a disposition to stick and hang for purely not caring in the least that the failure of the deliberations meant war to a finish, and those of the earth's people who did not know it before now know that Japan is abundantly able and quite willing to fight as long and as hard as may be necessary; furthermore, the bulldog tenacity of the little brown fellows has been abundantly seen and heard and felt. This being the status of things, the announcement of peace came as a thunderbolt from a clear sky, and it is no wonder that many who read or were informed of the news would not at first believe it; it seemed self-contradictory. In reaching, however, Japan has lost nothing of prestige but gained instead. She had already, by stern conquest, carried every point for which she originally contended and could well afford to rise to the greatness which only comes of magnanimity.

The outcome makes President Roosevelt the most conspicuous figure in modern diplomacy. All honor to him!

SILVER DROOPING.

On Wednesday silver dropped to 60 from the quotation of 62½ only the day previous. So great a fall in so short a time is only a matter of a moment's wonder, and it is not at all attributable to the favorite refuge of eastern silverphobes—overproduction. A war is going on between two gold nations, no matter what two nor where the contest is located, means an advance in the price of every commodity which we produce and they or either of them use, so it was with the white metal. Although Japan is on the gold basis, she nevertheless uses great quantities of silver; in fact, it is the only money known to the masses, and the same in a more restricted sense applies to Russia. Naturally, the breaking out of war which at the outset promised to be quite as long as it has been, between those nations, gave an upward impetus to the silver market and kept it up while the contest lasted; naturally also, with the conclusion of peace, the reaction set in and a fall occurs immediately. The fall in this case, we take it, is purely sympathetic and spasmodic, in no sense reflecting actual conditions, and if this proves to be correct, there is no reason why the decline should be more pronounced; rather may we look for complete recovery as soon as the flurry. The point from which silver receded was low enough without reference to outside influences; indeed, we would all look with the utmost complacency upon a much higher figure than has been recorded since demonetization.

THE COUNTRY TOWN.

The stranger who for the first time visits the little towns of Utah is impressed with the prevailing order and quiet. Broad streets and roads lined on both sides by trees or hedgerows, watered by purring streams from mountain sides, neat, cozy, little homes surrounded by shade trees and covered with running vines, "apple and peach trees fruited deep," well-kept lawns, garages and fields skillfully filled, birds in the trees and fowl in the coop, the head of the house in health and happiness, the good wife in joy and gladness, and children merry, happy and guileless, all make a picture worthy of the artist, and pleasing in the sight of the Great Father who first communed with his children in a garden, and was worshiped in groves, amid trees and flowers long before the architectures of temples were laid by man. This orderly, peaceful, happy, contented rural

life has been the foundation of greatness in every age and nation. Its decay has ever marked a transformation in social, political, and industrial life. The city may be the place for power and wealth, but the country is the place for happiness and health.

EDITORIAL BRIEFS.

If Norway can't get anybody in Europe to hold down the throne, there are two or three around here willing to try the job.

How dusty the roads! How the poor horses must suffer as from heavy breathing they inhale the grit! Humane drivers will give them an extra drink now and then during the day. Sponging the face and eyes, nose and mouth would refresh them. Try it.

The inhibition upon duck and quail shooting will be removed on October 1, in the case of the latter, however, for but twelve days. Our sporting seasons are, as some look at it, altogether too brief, but if the victims of the sport were consulted, it is hardly likely they would concur in this view. It would not matter if the length of time were doubled, the editor, printer and "devil" would derive no benefit from it; they have to work no matter what is going on outside.

The great campaign was awakened from its reposeful slumber a few days ago and paid a visit, for this occasion only, to former friends and acquaintances. It is as previously Republican in politics, urges the "come at" together, and makes an announcement which ought to give favor in some circles, to the effect that the party can win the November election, hands down, against the field. However this may be, all indications at this time point to a hotly contested and exciting campaign, at least in Salt Lake City, with Ogden not likely to escape altogether. In the former it looks as if there would be four tickets in the field: Republican, Democratic, American and Socialist—"and then some," perhaps.

The ravages of the yellow fever have abated somewhat, but the guile regions are by no means rid of the pest. It broke out all at once and not having been so prevalent in late years it was doubtless thought there would not be much of it and being thus taken unawares the people suffered more severely. No doubt, however, would have been the case had no measure been taken at the beginning. The curse has seldom got as far as Mason and Dixon line and has given the western regions complete exemption from its visitations. In Utah we have evils enough to contend with and are quite willing to dispense with them, without taking on any new ones.

The steadfast and humane attitude of President Roosevelt during the peace negotiations, and at the same time his perfect success in keeping aloof from interference with the plenipotentiaries or showing the slightest partiality stamp him as not only one of the greatest of the world's statesmen but as a Christian gentleman in the front rank. Few there be who do not appreciate his sterling characteristics and general capacity; he is admired by those who opposed him and is not opposed by those who have all along admired him. There is but one President Roosevelt in all the world and he is ours. Truly, the foremost nation of the earth has much to be thankful for, and having the foremost man is not the least of its causes for profound gratitude.

The last holiday was Labor day, and occurred last Monday. We are plentifully blest with holidays in this state, the number, including Sundays, being about sixty and either the governor or mayor of any city can proclaim an extra one whenever there is thought to be occasion for it. Matt Gibson says this is nothing to what they have in Mexico, "where they have 365 holidays in the year, honey." Some people seem to have the idea that Labor day is a national holiday, but this is a mistake. Its observance being made compulsory by congressional action only in the District of Columbia. There are no national holidays, each state having such as it chooses, though the Fourth of July, being observed in the fullest manner by all of them amounts to that in fact.

The total eclipse of the sun which occurred on the 30th ult was preceded a few days by one of the moon. The latter was partly visible to Utah, but the former was wholly invisible throughout the Pacific coast. The observation began near Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba, the path of totality proceeding thence eastward with the velocity of a cannon ball through New Brunswick, Newfoundland, across the Atlantic to Spain, thence to Arabia, where the curtain fell on the grand exhibition. The period of totality at any point near the middle of the shadow's path was the longest in many years, lasting exactly four minutes and scientific expeditions were dispatched to points on both sides the Atlantic such occasions being those which no civilized nation or prominent astronomer ever overlooks.

Herbert W. Fox, a former chemist and metallurgist at the Con. Mercur, and for four years assistant superintendent of the United States Reduction and Refining company's plants at Colorado City, was in from the neighboring state to renew acquaintances.

Local & News Items

LOCAL STOCKS.

CON. MERCUR AT

Boston.
Monday, 28.—Con. Mercur in Boston, 55 cents; 100 shares sold.
Tuesday, 29.—Con. Mercur quoted at 55 cents.
Wednesday, 30.—One hundred shares of Con. Mercur sold for \$55.
Friday, 1.—Bid, 45c; sales, 50 shares at 45c.
Saturday, 2.—Quoted at 52c; 400 shares sold for 52 cents.

In the Local Market.

Monday, 28.—Con. Mercur—bid, 50; asked, 53; Sacramento—bid, 10.
Tuesday, 29.—Bid for Con. Mercur, 54; asked, 54½.
Ten cents asked for Sacramento.
Wednesday, 30.—Con. Mercur bid, 47½; asked, 55. Sacramento, bid, 8¾; asked, 10½.
Friday, 1.—Bid, 48c; asked, 51c.
Saturday, 2.—Bid, 47 1-2; asked 50c.

MERCUR ITEMS.

C. E. Green of the Clark electric power plant, was a Salt Lake visitor last week.

The Joe Bowers Mining company, near Silver City, has elected Hon. John Derr president.

Hercel will have a mill. The matter of beginning the construction is due to natural causes, but the mill will be built.

The capacity of the Ophir mill is being doubted. This is another indication of the brightening up of mining interests in these parts.

Everett Glenn and Miss Leaneore Mills of Tooele have decided to henceforth sail down the sea of life as one. A license was secured in Salt Lake last week.

The Chloride Point mine on Lion hill has marketed another lot of ore valued at 65 ounces of silver and \$1.50 in gold to the ton. George Sinclair & Co. are working this property under lease.

From September 15th to October 31st, the Salt Lake Route offers extremely low colonists' rate one way Salt Lake to Los Angeles for \$25.00 stop overs allowed California and Las Vegas. Persons contemplating going to the Pacific coast to settle should bear this in mind as it is the lowest rate ever offered. See any agent of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad.

OLD TOOELE CAMPS.

The following is a Herald interview with an old time mining man:

"While it is now thirty to forty years since I was operating there," said he, "this trip of mine brought vividly to mind what Dry Canyon and Ophir were doing in those days, and it suggested to me the possibilities that still exist there. I am too old now to think of following mining as a profession again, but if I could I should ask for nothing better than the opportunities that are now simply awaiting the man or combination of men who might be willing to invest money and introduce modern methods of mining, milling and smelting as they exist today, in old Treasure hill for instance.

"In my day the cost of mining and smelting ores was so great that we never thought of touching ores that we today would bring as good returns as the high grade material we were then compelled to confine our operations to. There are miles of old workings in Treasure hill and the country surrounding which I know contain a world of ore that could today be handled at a handsome profit, while development at greater depth than we felt safe in going would undoubtedly reveal riches of which we never dreamed.

"As I wandered over the hills and followed the good roads which we constructed and which are good today; when I saw the wires of the W. A. Clark electric light and power plant at Tooele running across the hills into Ophir, and again saw the water running through the pipeline that was laid many years ago by Uncle Matt Gibson to carry water to the Mono, I could not help but wonder why these valuable accessories to cheap mining and milling were not being utilized by younger men—men in search of a profitable field in which to exert their energies and apply their talents.

"Stockton is being rejuvenated, and to every instance where the old mines have been taken hold of in the manner I have suggested most substantial results are being accomplished. Ophir, I noticed, is beginning to move again as it ought to do, for its possibilities are almost beyond computation; but Dry Canyon, its neighbor, and famous in the early days for the richness of its surface ores, is still as dead as a mackerel.

"I am no longer personally interested in these camps and I am not talking for the purpose or in the hope of gaining anything for myself, but it does appear strange that such a wonderfully rich mineral-bearing region should have been overlooked by the army of bright mining engineers who are constantly on the go looking for good things to present to those for whom they labor. Someone ought to take advantage of the good things that are open in the Dry Canyon-Ophir region."

TOOELE COUNTY TIDBITS.

Wednesday, the 30th, Stockton was at the sampler with two cars of ore.

Two cars of Stockton ore was received at the Pioneer sampler Monday the 28th.

Supt. Raddatt of the Monerine at Stockton has advised that he has tapped another ore channel on the 1,100 level and assays show values of 38 per cent lead, 11 ounces silver.

A BIT OF ROMANCE.

Tuesday the County Clerk united in marriage Everett Glenn and Mrs. Leaneore Mills, both of Tooele. Mrs. Mills has been Mrs. Glenn for over three years and two children were the result of the union.

Early last spring the sheriff of Bowling Green, O., arrived with requisition papers for Glenn and took him back to Ohio, the charge being abandonment and non-support of his children.

He was in jail about a week, when the charge not being proved he was set at liberty.

As he had been away from Ohio for several years he was led to believe that his first wife had secured a divorce, but learned differently on his trip to his native place.

Monday a divorce was secured in Judge Armstrong's court by Glenn from his Ohio wife and Tuesday he finished the straightening out by remarrying Mrs. Mills.

SALT LAKE & MERCUR RAILROAD CO. TIME TABLE.

Effective May 1st, 1905.

Westward.	Eastward.
No. 1.	No. 2.
A. M.	P. M.
11:15 Ar. Mercur	LV 2:00
11:00 Lv. Summit	LV 2:15
10:30 Lv. Manning	LV 2:52
10:05 Lv. Fairfield	Ar 3:14

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